ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबागौड़ा पाटील) : (क) से (ड़) जवाहर रोजगार योजना, सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना, दस लाख कुओं को योजना, इन्दिरा आवास योजना, समेंकित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम, गंगा कल्याण योजना, ग्रामीण महिला एवं बाल विकास (डवाकरा), ग्रामीण युवा स्वरोजगार प्रशिक्षण (ट्राइसेम), ग्रामीण कारीगरों को उन्नति औजारों की आपूर्ति (सिट्रा), सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम, मरूभूमि विकास कार्यक्रम, राष्ट्रीय, राष्ट्रीय सामाजिक सहायता कार्यक्रम, त्वरित ग्रामीण जल आपूर्ति कार्यक्रम, केन्द्रीय ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम, समेकित बंजरभूमि विकास कार्यक्रम ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय द्वारा देश के ग्रामीण भागों में कार्यान्वित की जा रही ग्रामीण विकास और रोजगार योजनाएं हैं, वर्ष 1995-96, 1996-97 तथा 1997-98 के दौरान मुख्य ग्रामीण विकास योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत मंत्रालय द्वारा राज्यों को आबंटित निधियों को धनराशि और राज्यों द्वारा उनका उपयोग अनुबंध में दिया गया हैं । [देखिए परिशिष्ट 186. अनुपत्र संख्या 2]

चालू वित्त वर्ष के दौरान राज्यों को 8764.91 करोड़ रुपए की राशि आबंटित की गई हैं । जनवरी, 1999 के अंत तक राज्यों को 7118.20 करोड़ रुपए रिलीज किए गए हैं ।

Assessment of the role of VHP and Bajrang Dal

*40. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the role of VHP and Bajrang Dal in promoting communal tensions in various parts of India; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of such assessment?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The activities of all organisations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant witch of law enforcement agencies and requisite penal and preventive action is taken, where necessary.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Accumulated loss of ECL

156. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the . accumulated loss of Eastern Coalfields Ltd;

(b) why no attempt was made to check the loss at an early stage;

(c) whether there was a proposal to close the company; and

(d) if so, why it was put off?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The accumulated loss of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), a subsidiary company of Coal India Limited *(*CIL*)* as on 31.3.98 is Rs. 1,728.61 crores.

(b) At the early stage of nationalisation, prime importance was given for production of coal to meet the national demand. Even projects formulated with losses were sanctioned for increase of coal production.

ECL has been incurring losses on account of following reasons:—

(i) The Company has a large body of surplus manpower which has caused high cost of coal production in ECL. The company also suffers from a lower productivity as compared to the profit making subsidiary companies of CIL. ECL employs 148,000 persons representing 25% of total manpower of CIL, but produces only 27 million tonnes of coal accounting for about 10% of CIL's production.

(ii) Large number of uneconomic underground mines taken over at the time of nationalisation are being operated by ECL. The majority of the ECL mines are underground. The underground mines are very old and have